

CITY OF NEWTON
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TRAFFIC COUNCIL REPORT
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2011

Present: Ald. Ciccone; Jim Danila, Transportation Engineer; Jerome Grafe, Citizen Representative; David Koses, Transportation Planner and Sgt. James Norcross, Newton Police Department
Also Present: Danielle Delaney (Clerk), Ald. Danberg, Harney, Lappin and Sangiolo

Mr. Danila provided Council members with a PowerPoint presentation, attached to this report.

TC59-11 JAMES DANILA, on behalf of the Public Works Department, requesting the removal of the following text from Section TPR-145: "Where directed by the commissioner of public works, traffic control signals shall be placed in flashing operation between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. The commissioner of public works shall consult with the chief of police regarding each such determination." [10/18/11 @ 12:13 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVE 4-0 (Ciccone not voting).**
This item may be appealed through the close of business November 16, 2011.

NOTE: Mr. Danila said that there are two reasons as to why traffic signals operate in flash mode: error in operation and programmed (overnight) flash mode. Program flash mode was used at locations that do not have vehicle detection, drivers on the main approach and may have to unnecessarily wait for green light and prior to LED bulbs there was significant power savings. Programmed flash is now discouraged because of increasing usage of vehicle detection, removing programmed flash can reduce overnight crashes by approximately 30%, nearly all vehicles and pedestrian indications use low-power LED bulbs. These are recommendations from both the Federal Highway Administration and MassDOT. The text should be removed from TPR-145 because it requires consultation of the Police Department to make engineering changes at traffic signals creates unnecessary bureaucracy and all other decisions regarding traffic signal operation is determined administratively.

Without discussion, Mr. Grafe made the motion to approve this item. Mr. Koses said that this item may be appealed.

TC4-11 CATE BURRELL, on behalf of the Hills & Falls Nursery School, 258 Concord Street, requesting a) extend time signs to run the length of the east side of Concord to Hager Streets, b) extend time on signs to include 11:30am - 12:15pm c) requesting to reserve eight parking spaces for staff on the west side of Concord Street and d) requesting painted designations where vehicles should park. (Ward 4) [02/07/11 12:02 PM]
On 7/28/11 APPROVE TRIAL OF THE FOLLOWING: 15 minute parking 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM, Monday-Friday, in the current 15 minute parking zone fronting 258 Concord Street (4-0-1, Mintz Abstaining). Trial to be implemented by September 1, 2011.

ACTION: **APPROVE 3-2 (Ciccone, Norcross opposed). 15-minute parking, 8:00 AM – 9:30AM and 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM, School Days, north side of Concord Street between Washington Street and the end of the current 15-minute parking zone. This item may be appealed through the close of business November 16, 2011.**

NOTE: Items TC4-11 and TC45-11 were discussed together. See TC45-11 summary below.

TC45-11 **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**, requesting consideration of potential changes to the parking restrictions on Washington Street between the Charles River and Route 128, and on Concord Street between Washington Street and Hagar Street, which may include adding new parking meters and/or converting some existing meters from short term to long-term parking. (Ward 4) [08/11/11 @ 12:01 PM] [REVISED on 09/22/11]

ACTION: **APPROVE 5-0. Convert 8 of the approximately 27 parking meters on Washington Street from short-term to all-day. Exact meters to be converted to be determined via coordination between Transportation Division staff and local merchants. This item may be appealed through the close of business November 16, 2011.**

NOTE: Mr. Danila reviewed with Council members current parking restrictions and parking data on Washington and Concord Streets. Since the trial was implemented, the following data was obtained:

Washington Street Meters

Capacity of 27 spaces

Average occupancy of 12

Concord Street, adjacent to the River

Capacity of approximately 30 spaces (up to Hagar Street)

Average occupancy of 26

Concord Street, within 15-minute zone

Capacity of approximately 12 spaces

Average occupancy varies by time of day from less than 5 to 11 vehicles

Concord Street, between 15-minute zone and Hagar Street

Capacity of approximately 11 spaces

Average occupancy of 9

Mr. Koses opened the discussion for public comment and summarized the fourteen e-mails received on these items, attached to this report. Approximately 23 residents, business owners and employees spoke (a list of speakers is attached to this report) stressing their concerns, suggestions and questions, including the following:

Concerns:

Some residents, business owners and employees felt this was an unfair proposal because it affects the safety of adults as well as children, it is difficult to cross the street without a crosswalk, children exit vehicles on the street side, it is difficult for employees to find convenient parking with restrictions, dedicated parking is unfair, there is a concern of losing patients due to parking restrictions, drivers have the tendency to speed, employees and commuters tend to ignore the current parking limits, Concord Street is parked up early in the morning and winter conditions only exasperate these problems. The elimination of parking on Concord Street would affect parent drop/off pickups, removing parking is unfair to tax payers. Others said that the proposal promotes a false sense of security; drivers have the tendency to run the traffic signal at Washington and Concord Streets. Some business owners said that they purchased their buildings because parking was allowed on the street.

Suggestions: Residents, business owners and employees suggested the painting of the parking spaces on Concord Street, painting the crosswalk, increase Police Department enforcement, implement a school crossing guard, share parking, extend the areas with parking limits towards Hagar Street and installing parking meters on Concord Street. Others suggested staff meet parents at a specified location in order to drop-off and pick-up children safely.

Questions:

Why should the City implement parking restrictions to accommodate one business? Is there state owned property in the area that could be used for parking to alleviate these issues?

Mr. Koses said that the school cannot use the circle in front, because he was informed that the circle is only to be used in emergencies due to Fire Department concerns. A parent said that if parents use the circle, vehicles have the tendency to queue onto Concord Street.

Mr. Danila said that the traffic signal at Washington and Concord Streets would be upgraded in the spring and Washington Street will be restriped, thereby widening the lane adjacent to the parking spaces. Mr. Koses said that an item has recently been docketed for speed tables on Concord Street.

Ald. Sangiolo asked whether parking counts had been performed to assess employees' needs. Mr. Koses answered no. She recommends parking counts be obtained including a number of parking meters on Washington Street and the Hills and Fall Nursery Schools use to determine a shared parking solution. She suggested the inquiry as to any special permits that The Falls at Cordingly Dam may have received regarding parking. Mr. Koses said he was not sure whether The Falls at Cordingly Dam or Starbucks required a Special Permit. She agreed with meter observations made on Washington Street affecting neighborhood parking. Businesses on Washington Street feel the short-term parking allows for turnover. It is unfortunate for the businesses that rely on long-term meters. Ald. Harney said it is important for short-term meters to remain on Washington Street and agreed an accurate count should be performed to determine the demand of business needs. Mr. Koses said that parking demand in the area is partially based on price and convenience. Ald. Ciccone asked for clarification of the former Pillar House parking lot and suggested contacting State Representative, Kay Khan to inquire.

Sgt. Norcross said that he is opposed to restrict parking to satisfy one business' needs. Mr. Grafe agreed. He said that there is plenty of parking on Washington Street if you are willing to walk (1/2 mile to a destination is considered walking distance). Short-term meters should remain to allow turnover. Mr. Grafe said that parking on Concord Street is in high demand and the trial should not continue for times indicated. He supports maintaining the short-term meters on Washington Street and the implementation of meters on Concord Street. He asked if a Police detail could be hired to enforce the 15- minute restriction and assist pedestrians crossing Concord Street. Sgt. Norcross said that it would be very costly and suggested the exploration of a Blue Zone. Mr. Koses said that the City does not have Blue Zones at nursery schools because Blue Zones do not allow parking, and parents of toddlers should park their vehicle and come into the school to drop-off and pick-up their toddlers.

Mr. Koses took a straw poll asking Traffic Council members if they would support the installation of meters on Concord Street. The straw poll failed (Koses and Grafe supported installing parking meters on Concord Street, Ciccone, Danila and Norcross were opposed). David Koses said that long term parking meters on Concord Street would likely open up parking spaces for employees of local businesses by reducing demand in various ways. Sgt. Norcross said that he would not support installing meters on Concord Street because meters only exasperate the issue; it is unfair to neighbors and

employees. Mr. Grafe said that he would support short-term meters on Concord Street because of the demand. He agrees that the parking spaces on Concord Street need to be painted to define parking. Motions were made to approve these items. Council members voted on the above actions. Mr. Koses said that these items may be appealed.

TC41-11 ALD. LAPPIN on behalf of Colella Road and Stein Circle area abutters requesting parking restrictions on Colella Road and or Stein Circle. (Ward 8) [07/19/11 @ 10:06 AM]

ACTION: (a) **APPROVE 5-0. One-way circulation counterclockwise on Stein Circle.**
(b) **APPROVE 5-0. No parking except school buses, 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM, school days, along a portion of Stein Circle abutting the school property.**
(c) **APPROVE 5-0. No parking 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM and 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM, school days, along the outside elbow of the Colella Road curve between Saw Mill Brook Parkway and approximately 24 Caldon Path.**
These items may be appealed through the close of business November 16, 2011.

NOTE: Mr. Danila reviewed with Council members current parking restrictions and observations recently made. The one-way counterclockwise circulation on Stein Circle is not listed in the Transportation Parking Regulations (TPR). He said that school staff members assist with pick-up and drop-off on Stein Circle. Cars begin lining up around the interior of Stein Circle at 2:40 PM, parents' also park near the bend of Colella Road and use Early Path for pick-up and drop-off. Colella Road is 28' wide, neither Stein Circle nor Colella Road have many parked cars outside of pick-up and drop-off activity.

Ald. Lappin said that she docketed this item because residents expressed their concerns and agreed that a parking restriction is necessary for safety. They suggested no parking on the outside elbow of Colella Road. Parents have been asked to be respectful to the neighbors by not using people's driveways. Two Condominium residents request that the right side of Colella Road not have parking restrictions implemented.

Mr. Koses opened the discussion for public comment and summarized the three e-mails received on this item, attached to this report. Ruth Boynick, 22 Stein Circle, said that drivers have the tendency to speed, park wherever they choose, and block her driveway making it difficult to enter and exit and use driveway to turn-around. She suggested increased Police Department enforcement. Mr. Boynick said that winter conditions exasperate the issues and emergency vehicles have difficulty accessing the street. Judy Rubin, 9 Cybil Path, said that allowing parking on both sides of the street is difficult and dangerous. She appreciates a solution to make the area safe. Paul Rubin, 9 Cybil Path, said that drivers park in their driveways and run the stop signs. Safety issues need to be addressed and Police presence is necessary. Edward Royfman, 36 Caldon Path agreed parking restrictions are necessary. Terri Brown Preuss, school parent, also supports parking restrictions on Colella Road. A resident asked if this area could be dedicated a School Zone. Mr. Koses said an item would have to be docketed requesting a School Zone on Stein Circle, and that Stein Circle would be eligible for a School Zone.

Mr. Danila made the motion to approve these items. Council members agreed. Mr. Koses said that this item may be appealed.

TC27-11 DAVID CARLSTROM, 62 Cypress Street, requesting a “Stop Sign” at the intersection of Cypress and Parker Streets. (Wards 6 & 8) [05/13/11 @ 8:57 AM]

ACTION: **APPROVE 5-0.**

This item may be appealed through the close of business November 16, 2011.

NOTE: The one-email received on this item is attached to this report.

David Carlstrom, 62 Cypress Street, said that he docketed this item because of pedestrian and vehicle safety concerns. Currently there are three yield signs at this location, but they are obstructed. Drivers have the tendency to speed coming down Cypress Street and cannot react to pedestrians in the crosswalk. He recalls recent pedestrian and vehicles crashes in this area. Caren Friedman, 7 Parker Street, said that there are no sidewalks in this area. School faculty uses the “T” and cross at this location. Ald. Danberg said that she would also support this request.

Mr. Danila said that he would support the request for a stop sign. He does not advocate using stop signs for traffic calming measures but feels the yield signs are not adequate because of improper site distance. Sgt. Norcross made the motion to approve this item. Council members agreed. Mr. Koses said that this item may be appealed.

TC17-11 JENNIFER BAVERSTAN, 21 Southwick Road, requesting “2-hour parking restrictions weekdays, Southwick Road”. (Ward 5) [04/25/11 @ 9:08 AM]

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 5-0.**

NOTE: The one-email received on this item is attached to this report.

Mr. Koses said that Ms. Baverstan telephoned him requesting that this item be voted no action necessary. Without discussion, Ald. Ciccone made the motion and Council members agreed.

TC18-11 RICHARD PASCARELLI, 435 Newtonville Avenue, requesting establishment of a loading zone in the vicinity of 432 Newtonville Avenue. (Ward 2) [04/26/11 @ 4:43 PM]

HELD 4-0 (Grafe not voting) on 09/22/11

ACTION: **APPROVE 5-0. Loading Zone in front of 440 Newtonville Avenue, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday-Friday.**

This item may be appealed through the close of business November 16, 2011.

NOTE: Richard Pascarelli, 435 Newtonville Avenue, said that he is requesting a loading zone because of the difficulties of making deliveries to businesses on Newtonville Avenue. Delivery trucks have the tendency to block residents’ driveways and park on the sidewalks. Winter conditions exasperate the problem. He said that local businesses support his idea. He provided photos of the area, attached to this report.

Mr. Danila said Newtonville Avenue is 24’ wide. He suggested a loading zone in front of 440 Newtonville Avenue, away from residents’ homes. Ald. Ciccone asked what time of day deliveries are typically made. Mr. Pascarelli said he did not know businesses delivery times. He typically receives

deliveries Monday – Friday 9:30 AM until 5 PM. Mr. Koses said abutters received notification of this item being discussed but no e-mails were received.

Ald. Ciccone made the motion to approve this item. Council members agreed. Mr. Koses said that this item may be appealed.

TC63-11 PLANNING DEPARTMENT, requesting removal of the No Parking Tow Zone restriction on the outer portion of the elbow at the 90-degree bend of Gardner Street. (Ward 1) [10/27/11 @ 4:33 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVE 5-0. Parking Prohibited 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.**
This item may be appealed through the close of business November 16, 2011.

NOTE: Sgt. Norcross asked if Traffic Council has the authority to rescind what was approved on September 22, 2011 to allow for emergency vehicle access without awaiting the appeals process. Mr. Koses said that the appeal deadline was October 12, 2011, so the original item could not be appealed. Mr. Danila said that City Ordinance allows the item may be reheard within twelve months if new information is provided.

Ald. Ciccone said that he received requests from a resident asking to remove this restriction, as it is a hardship because a home does not have driveways. Mr. Koses said that on October 12, 2011 Gardner Street residents were asked if they all had driveways and answered that every house has a driveway. Ald. Ciccone said that the Fire Department would support the rescission at the bend of Gardner Street. He then said Chief Proia recommends removing the restriction that was approved Traffic Council as long as the inside of the elbow remained a no parking zone.

Mr. Danila made the motion to approve this item. Council members agreed. Mr. Koses said that this item may be appealed.

Respectfully submitted,

David Koses, Traffic Council Chair

Traffic Council

City Hall
Room 222
Thursday, October 27, 2011
7:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. TC59-11: requesting revision of text in TPR-145.
2. TC4-11: requesting changes to parking regulations on Concord St. (Ward 4)
(Held for Trial on 7/28/11)
3. TC45-11: requesting consideration of changes to parking restrictions on Washington St. and Concord St. (Ward 4)
4. TC41-11: requesting parking restrictions on Colella Rd. and Stein Cir. (Ward 8)
5. TC27-11: requesting a Stop sign at the intersection of Cypress St. and Parker St. (Wards 6 & 8)
6. TC17-11: requesting 2-hour parking limit on Southwick Rd. (Ward 5)
7. TC18-11: requesting establishment of a loading zone in the vicinity of 432 Newtonville Ave. (Ward 2)
(Held on 9/22/11)

TC59-11

Requesting revision of text in TPR-145.

TPR-145

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Why Traffic Signals Operate in Flash Mode

- Error in operation.
 - Too much/too little power.
 - Multiple bulbs burned out.
 - Prevents conflicting approaches from receiving simultaneous greens.
- Programmed (overnight) flash mode.



Why Programmed Flash was used

- At locations that don't have vehicle detection, drivers on main street approach may have to unnecessarily wait for a green light.
- Prior to LED bulbs, there was significant power savings.
 - Bulbs are lit only 50% of the time.
 - In flash mode, pedestrian indications are dark.

Why Programmed Flash is now discouraged

- Increasing usage of vehicle detection.
- Removing Programmed Flash can reduce overnight crashes by approximately 30%.
- Nearly all vehicle and pedestrian indications use low-power LED bulbs.
- Recommendation from both FHWA and MassDOT.



Why we should remove the text from TPR-145

- Requiring consultation of the Police Dept. to make engineering changes at traffic signals creates unnecessary bureaucracy.
- All other decisions regarding traffic signal operation is determined administratively.

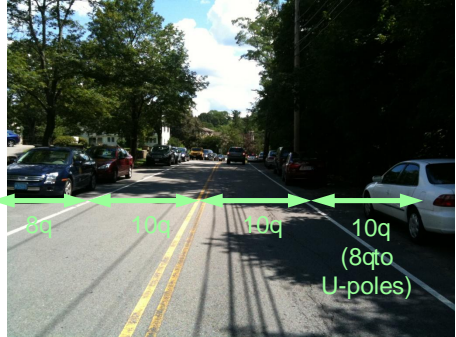
TC4-11

Requesting changes to parking
regulations on Concord St. (Ward 4)
[Held for 60-Day Trial on 7/28/2011](#)

TC45-11

Requesting consideration of changes to
parking restrictions on Washington St.
and Concord St. (Ward 4)

Photos of Concord Street



Aerial Photo



No Parking | 2-Hour Parking Meter
15-Min Limit, 8-12:30pm, Mon.-Fri., TRIAL (formerly 15-Min Limit 7-9:30)

Parking Data

- Washington Street Meters:
 - Capacity: 27 spaces.
 - Average occupancy: 12.
- Concord Street, adjacent to river:
 - Capacity: approximately 30 spaces (up to Hagar St.).
 - Average occupancy: 26.
- Concord Street, within 15-minute zone:
 - Capacity: approximately 12 spaces.
 - Average occupancy: varies by time of day (from < 5 to 11).
- Concord Street, between 15-minute zone & Hagar St.
 - Capacity: approximately 11 spaces.
 - Average occupancy: 9.

TC41-11

Requesting parking restrictions on
Colella Rd. and Stein Cir. (Ward 8)

Aerial Photo



No Parking (not in TPR) | Blue Zone

Observations

- School staff members assist with pick-up and drop-off on Stein Circle.
- Cars begin lining up around interior of Stein Circle at 2:40.
- Parents park near bend of Colella and use Early Path for pick-up and drop-off.
 - Colella Road is 28qwide.
- Neither Stein Circle nor Colella Road have many parked cars outside of pick-up and drop-off activity.

Other Notes

- Stein Circle one-way is not in TPR.

TC27-11

Requesting a Stop sign at the intersection of Cypress St. and Parker St. (Wards 6 & 8)

Aerial Photo



Decisions a driver has to make while moving

~ Is there a safe gap in traffic on Parker Street?



~ Is the car in front of me braking?
~ Is there a pedestrian in the crosswalk?

TC17-11

Requesting 2-hour parking limit on
Southwick Rd. (Ward 5)

Aerial Photo



No Parking | 1-Hour Limit | 2-Hour Limit 7-7

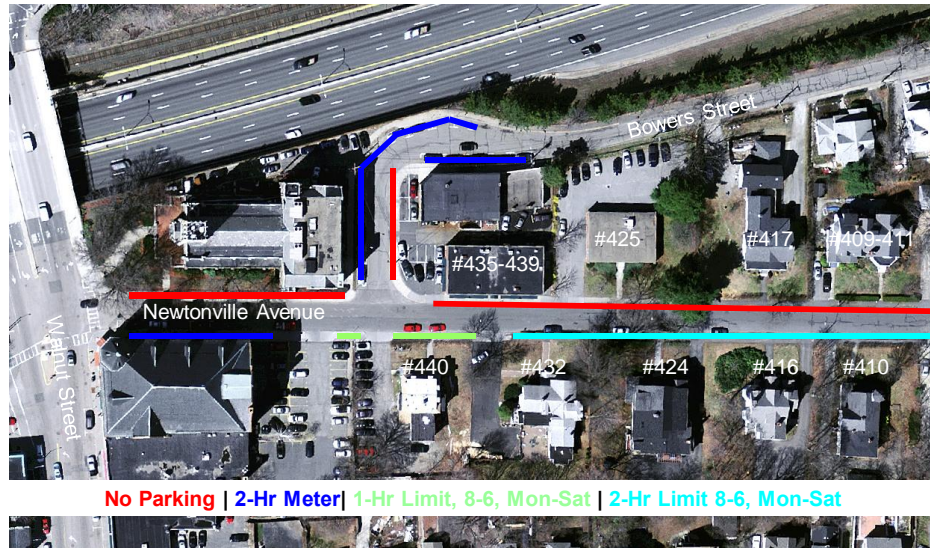
Parking Info

- No restrictions on Southwick Road.
- Average occupancy: 3 parked cars.

TC18-11

Requesting establishment of a loading zone in the vicinity of 432 Newtonville Ave. (Ward 2)

Aerial Photo



Looking East (towards Harvard St.)



Looking West (towards Walnut St.)



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Members of the Traffic Council:

I am writing in support of the current parking regulations on Concord Street between Route 16 and Hagar Street. It is my understanding that the Traffic Council has received some complaints regarding the changes that the Traffic Council implemented on a trial basis after a request from the Hills and Falls Cooperative Preschool and the dozens of families that comprise its community.

As with any use of public space, I understand that there are often competing, and sometimes mutually exclusive, demands for resources. In this instance, the people seeking all day parking on the one block stretch of Concord Street that is subject to restriction are seeking convenience over public safety.

Over the last 70 years, Hills and Falls Preschool has seen the traffic on Concord Street, and the utilization of the area around Concord Street, increase dramatically. Each day, well over 100 children (students and siblings) are loaded and unloaded in heavy traffic. Bad weather makes this situation even tougher. Last year, between severe weather and ever-growing traffic, there were a number of "close calls" with respect to situations where children were put at risk. It was these events that caused Hills and Falls to reach out to the Traffic Council.

Adults headed to an office building or retail establishment (for their entire workday) are far more self sufficient than the average 3 year old, or the average parent with two or three young children in tow - especially if the lack of available parking outside the school makes the walk more than a block. While asking all day parkers to park anywhere else than the one block stretch of Concord street may be an inconvenience, I feel that it necessary to address a child safety issue.

Perhaps as a compromise, the entire length of the Hills and Falls (eastern) side of Concord Street between 16 and Hagar Street could be restricted to 15 minute parking prior to 12:30, while the Charles River (western) side can be converted to meters? That way, the Hills and Falls community will have its needs met, some parking on that stretch of street will be available to all day parkers, and the town will have a revenue opportunity.

Newton is a beacon in Massachusetts and across the U.S. by virtue of its commitment to children and safety. It is my heartfelt hope that the Traffic Council continues to lead in that regard.

I look forward to attending the meeting this evening.

Many thanks,

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 Date sent: Tue, 25 Oct 2011 09:33:12

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From: David Burgess
 To: "Traffic Council Dist List" <trafficcouncil@newtonma.gov>
 Subject: on Concord St parking Thursday evening
 Date sent: Tue, 25 Oct 2011 05:27:06 -0400

Hello, I am a long time Newton resident. I am very concerned about the parking situation on Concord St because we drop and pick up our child at the day care in St. Mary's church at 8:45am and noon to 1:45 pm. Over the past year an increased number of employees on Washington St. are parking all day on Concord St. It should be noted that most of these parking here are working in Wellesley due to the increased number of businesses in the strip across from Dunkin Donuts. These people do not pay taxes in Newton and expect free parking in our Garden City. Why should Newton support free parking for businesses in Wellesley.

We need the 15 minute parking in order to have access to drop off and pick up our child at nursery school. Many days we have to park way around the corner making it UNSAFE for a 3 year old to cross the street due to the heavy traffic. People do not obey the 15 minute zone and park there for hours. If you added meters across the street with a 2 or 4 hour limit, it would prevent businesses from using our town for free parking. Also, please keep the 15 minute zone and PLEASE ENFORCE IT.

Thank you for your consideration.

My best,

David Burgess
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To: "Traffic Council Dist List" <trafficcouncil@newtonma.gov>
Su e t: Parking on on ord St.
Date sent: Wed, 26 Oct 2011 14:29:22 -0400
Organization: Phoel Communications

Hello,

My name is Cynthia Phoel, and I am a Newton resident with a child attending Hills and Falls Preschool. This is our second year at this lovely preschool--a school that's been around for more than 70 years!--but, I'm afraid that if the parking situation continues to be so challenging, it will be our last.

Despite the wonderful signs you put up on our behalf (thank you!), the parking has been far worse this year than it was last year. Many days, I find myself walking at least two long blocks with my 2- and 4-year-olds in tow to get my 4-year-old to school. It's become a real tax, especially because it involves toting young children. If I blink, my two-year-old will be in the street. And the 30-min. drop-off and pick-up time commitment for this working mom is becoming untenable.

With so many people unhappy with this situation, I shudder to think how tense things will become on Concord St. when the weather becomes worse.

It seems very few of the people who are occupying the parking spots on Concord St. are actually doing business or attending activities on Concord St. Ultimately, I think the real solution will be to create or find other parking options in this community. In the meantime, we appreciate your continued help in making the situation on Concord St. safer and more viable for our vibrant preschool community.

Best,
Cynthia Phoel
45 Elinor Road
Newton Highlands

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 Date sent: Tue, 25 Oct 2011 23:45:02 -0400

Hello,

I am a parent of a child at Hills and Falls Community Nursery School, located at St. Mary's Church on Concord Street. I have been informed that the parking on Concord Street is up for discussion at the traffic council meeting scheduled for this Thursday, Oct. 27th.

I am writing to voice my opinion that, at a minimum, the existing 15 minute parking signs should remain. As a parent with small children, like many of the other families at our preschool, parking on Concord Street is not just a matter of convenience but of safety. When I have to park beyond Hagar Street, I regularly encounter dangerous situations with my children. Concord Street, beyond Hagar, really is not wide enough to accommodate parking on both sides. The cars drive by, often at a high rate of speed, making it hazardous to exit the car on the street side, especially for children. Cars also often turn right onto Hagar from Concord without slowing, which can make crossing there - especially with young children - quite dangerous. As winter approaches, the situation will only become more hazardous as snow banks accumulate on the side of the road.

I, like the rest of the Hills and Falls community, am very appreciative to the Newton Traffic Council for altering some of the signs to allow for a longer period of 15-minute parking. I believe it has helped alleviate some of our parking issues. I firmly believe those signs should remain in place and would respectfully request that they be extended all the way up to Hagar Street. There are approximately 40 families with children who attend Hills and Falls, but only about 10 15-minute parking spaces. This means that a majority of parents are having to park much further up the street, usually past Hagar (since the "regular" spaces from the fire hydrant to Hagar are usually already taken by 9am), resulting in the increased potential for dangerous traffic situations.

I have been told that some of the tenants of the building at 2366 Washington Street have been quite vocal in their complaints about the new parking signs on Concord. My understanding is that most of these tenants are doctor's and therapist's offices, and their primary concern is that their patients are having difficulty finding parking. In recognition of this concern, I would suggest that the parking spaces from the hydrant to Hagar be turned into 1-hour spaces. This would accommodate both the doctor's patients and the families at our school, while discouraging people who need all-day parking. Currently, I believe many of the people parking in those spaces are parking there for the majority of the day - at least 8 hours - and this should not be the case. The spaces on Concord Street should all be short term parking, to accommodate those who patronize local businesses and services, including our school. Those who need full-day parking should make other arrangements with their landlord or employer rather than exploit free street parking in a commercial area with a high demand for parking. I understand their desire for convenience - don't we all prefer things to be convenient? - but for the families at our school, parking is not just a matter of convenience, but of safety, our children's safety.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email. I appreciate your consideration of the parking issue on Concord Street.

Sincerely,
 Alix Campbell
 Needham, MA
 Sent from my iPhone

anielle elaney

To: ddelaney ne tonma.go
 Subject: (F d) Parking ituation on on ord Street
 Date sent: Wed, 26 t 2011 15:34:52

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From: Ro anna
 To: Traffi oun il i tLi t traffi oun il ne tonma.go
 Subject: Parking ituation on on ord Street
 Date sent: Wed, 26 t 2011 15:28:07 -0400

Dear members of the Newton traffic council:

My children have been attending the Hills and Falls Nursery school on Concord Street since 2007, and the parking situation has gotten progressively worse since then. Our leadership has listened to the concerns of the community and has shared with us how you have worked together with the school to alleviate the parking/safety issues on Concord street.

I want to thank you for the on-street signage you have installed this year. While it isn't a perfect solution, it has certainly helped alleviate the parking problem a bit.

I am not able to attend Thursday night's meeting because I have to be at home with my young children, but I wanted to request that the signage be extended all the way to Hagar street -- maybe the spots past the fire hydrant can be 1 hour spots?

As you know, people were taking the spots in front of the school before school was even open, and families had nowhere to load and unload children safely. The school has been at this location for decades and has been a good neighbor all this time. Right now, parents are forced to park past Hagar street, which disrupts the homeowners especially during trash pickup days.

I understand that you have received complaints from office workers in the building on the Wellesley/Newton line. I can appreciate the position that you are in, but the Hills and Falls community urges you to remember why you agreed to erecting the 15 minute signs in the first place.

In addition, here are a few of my thoughts on the matter:

1. It is inconvenient for people to have to park 1.5 blocks away, but **afety i al ay ort t e in on enien e.**

2. H&F pays for sidewalk snow removal and sidewalk salting (which benefits everyone) for the safety of the families with young children. If all the spots are taken by 8 am by people who are at the office all day, the families must park blocks away and tread the slippery sidewalks with pregnant women and young children and infants in tow.

3. H&F is very close to the Washington St. business district, which already has limited on-street parking spots. The 15 minute limit helps H&F families AND local businesses/post office, whose customers are able to park and get their business done quickly. If those spots closest to Washington street are taken up by one car all day, that's one space that customers (and tax revenues) can't use.

Thank you for you time,

Roxanna Sarmiento Misong
 Hills and Falls Parent

anielle elaney

To: ddelaney@newtonma.gov
Subject: (Fwd) Re parking on Concord St
Date sent: Thu, 27 Oct 2011 08:46:21

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From: Mary Ferris Niederhelman
To: "Traffic Council Dist List" <trafficcouncil@newtonma.gov>
Subject: Re parking on Concord St
Date sent: Thu, 27 Oct 2011 01:34:19 -0400

To members of the Traffic Council;

I am writing to you again as a concerned parent and Newton resident, expressing my sincere interest in the parking situation on Concord Street. I'd like to thank you for providing us with the 15 minute restricted parking area directly in front of our preschool. Please make this a permanent restriction, as it provides parking at a close proximity to school and eliminates the possible dangers with walking down or from across Concord St. With that said, unfortunately, many parents still struggle each day with finding adequate parking and are forced to park down Concord past Hagar (towards Weston). It is my understanding that the council is considering parking meters for the river side of Concord St. I am in support of this, but would hope that the council considers placing short term meters, in addition to the long term for those working in the area. My priority is the safety of my own children and those of the Hills and Falls community. I hope that this issue of safety is highly considered when making your decisions.

Sincerely,

Mary Niederhelman
Sent from my iPad

anielle elaney

To: **ddelaney@newtonma.gov**
Subject: **(F d) traffic on Concord Street**
Date sent: **Wed, 26 Oct 2011 16:38:36**

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From: **Steffany Doolittle**
To: **"Traffic Council Dist List" <trafficcouncil@newtonma.gov>**
Subject: **traffic on Concord Street**
Date sent: **Wed, 26 Oct 2011 13:13:34 -0700**

Hello,

My name is Steffany Doolittle and I am a parent at Hills and Falls Nursery School.

Please keep the current parking restrictions in place on Concord Street all the way to Hagar street.

With zero parking for the nursery school, it is imperative that the parent body have parking spaces along the street for drop-off and pickup. The short-term parking signs have helped tremendously and I plead with you to keep them as a permanent fixture on Concord Street.

As many of you can attest to with children, parking far away and having to walk is the least favorable situation, especially in the winter time.

Thank you for your consideration,
Steffany Doolittle

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To: **ddelaney ne tonma.go**
Subject: **(F d) Parking on on ord Street**
Date sent: **Wed, 26 t 2011 11:50:12**

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From: [scstotz](#)
To: "Traffic Council Dist List" <trafficcouncil@newtonma.gov>
Subject: **Parking on on ord Street**
Date sent: **Wed, 26 Oct 2011 11:30:06 -0400**

Hello,

I am a concerned parent of 2 children attending Hills & Falls Nursery School at 258 Concord Street in Newton Lower Falls. Parking for morning drop off and noon pick up is a major problem for us. Often open spots can only be found 2 or more blocks away from the school. With so many young children having to cross visually challenging intersections (for both drivers & pedestrians), we are very concerned about the traffic safety in the area. We would appreciate all of your efforts to limit the long term parking on Concord Street during the morning hours. Please help us keep our children safe!!!

Thank you,
Stephanie Stotz
Hills & Falls Nursery School Parent

Danielle Delaney

From: **maryjane.coppola**
To: **"Traffic Council Dist List" <trafficcouncil@newtonma.gov>**
Subject: **Concord St. parking**
Date sent: **Wed, 10 Aug 2011 10:56:24 -0400**

Working in an area that has limited parking, the limitations that are present on Concord St. in front of St. Mary's church have been a challenge(especially in the winter). I've been working in this area since 2003 and it's gone from street parking on Washington to metered parking with not enough hours to cover my work day. The meters in front of my building are 2 hour and are limited to that so I can't even go out and feed it and stay all day. it's frustrating.

The nursery program that is requesting the 8-12:30 with 15 minute restriction was a surprise to me. I adjusted my work schedule to a 9:30 arrival so I could have a place to park. When I arrived on Tues, without notice it had changed.

I understand that the safety of the nursery school children is of utmost importance and it's fine if they are dropping off and picking up but I have witnessed cars that have stayed there for extended periods of time beyond the 15 minutes. I've also seen families park in the wine store lot and cross the street to drop off kids so this takes away from parking for employees there too.

Lets be reasonable and consider lifting some of the parking restrictions on Washington St. and around the area, if the concord st. limitation is not going to stay.

Mary Jane Coppola

Danielle Delaney

From: "Salter, Sharon Ann,M.D."
To: "Traffic Council Dist List" <trafficcouncil@newtonma.gov>
Subject: Concord Street Parking
Date sent: Thu, 11 Aug 2011 16:56:40 -0400

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to protest the proposed 15 minute parking limit on Concord Street in Newton. It was already a hardship when the limit went until 9:30am but I was able to alter my work hours to accommodate it. However, the proposed extension of the 15 minute restriction to 12:30pm makes it nearly impossible for many of us to function. There is limited parking in the area and even more limited meters that allow parking beyond 2 or 4 hours. I understand the complaints of the parents who have children in the preschool and that it is difficult for them during drop off and pick up times. I too am a parent with a child in a religious preschool and have had difficulty with drop off and pick ups as well. Our preschool does not have parking limitations and if the limitation is enforced for this religious institute/preschool then it should be enforced for all the religious institutes/preschools in the city. Please do not extend the restrictions to accommodate the few when there are so many who will be affected.

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I am emailing in support of the new parking signs on Concord Street, near St. Mary's Episcopal church, which help the Hills and Falls Nursery School pick-up and drop-off process.

My name is Colin Campbell. While I do not live in Newton, my home is just over the town/city border in Weston by the Leo J Martin golf course, half a mile up Concord Street from St. Mary's.

The new parking signs allow for a safe and responsible drop-off of what must be 40-45 children at this nursery school, which is a long-standing institution in Newton. My understanding is the Newton Fire Department has restricted the school from conducting a "live drop-off" on the church's driveway, so that forces parents to park briefly in the morning and midday to drop-off and pick-up their young children from the school. I have noticed many of these parents (mostly mothers) have 2-3 young children in tow most mornings, so parking far away from the school is not an ideal option, especially in the winter months, "so reserving" these street parking spaces for them seems like "the right" thing to do.

I recognize there are neighbors on route 16 who might also like to use the parking on Concord Street. Whenever I have wanted to park for an extended period (1-2 hours) I have never had a problem getting a space at the Post Office building on the south side of Route 16, or in the public lot just off River Street in Wellesley, a very short walk away. For early morning hourly parkers, the Lower Falls Wine Company lot is open as who buys wine from 9am-12pm in the morning?

Thanks.

*Colin Campbell
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David Koses, City Transportation Planner
City of Newton
Newton City Hall
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Newton Centre, MA 02459

Dear Mr. Koses,

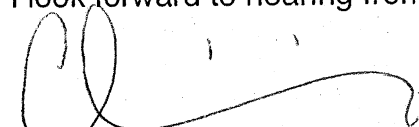
I am writing to urge you to rescind the recently made changes in parking on Concord Street in Newton Lower Falls at the corner of Washington Street.

My family has owned 2362-2370 Washington Street for over a hundred years and consider this parking essential to the tenants who rent space from me. This change has effectively made exclusive parking for one private business, The Hills and Falls Nursery School. By limiting the parking to fifteen minutes during school hours only, clearly the parking is catering to this private entity. As a result twenty spaces a day sit empty until 12:00 which causes a hardship for my tenants and thus me, a taxpayer.

There are only forty-four students in the school (according to their own website) and some families have more than one child attending so this exclusive use seems extremely unfair. In the twenty five years I have worked in my building I have never been aware of ANY accident or near accident involving the children of Hills and Falls. We already have extremely limited parking options in this area and this change is a major set back.

Please reconsider, this is a hardship for our neighborhood and the taxpayers like me.

I look forward to hearing from you,



Chris Minervino
Minervino LTD
2366 Washington Street
Newton Lower Falls, MA
02462

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To: ddelaney ne tonma.go
 Subject: (F d) Parking on on ord St
 Date sent: Tue, 25 t 2011 09:47:41

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 To: Traffic oun il i tLi t traffi oun il ne tonma.go
 Subject: Parking on on ord St
 Date sent: Mon, 24 t 2011 17:12:04 -0700 (P T)
 Send reply to: iera arli le

Dear Traffic Council:

I am writing to express my support for keeping the 15 minute parking limit signs in front of St. Mary's Church on Concord St. I am a parent of two young children, one of whom attends Hills & Falls Nursery School at St. Mary's. Last year, before the signs were changed, parking was truly dangerous, for parents and children. Trying to extract a non-walking toddler and a motor-delayed preschooler into the street on a busy commuter cut-through was always a very anxious situation for me, particularly if it had snowed, which was the case very often last winter as the snow banks pushed cars even further into traffic. I was often forced to park beyond Hagar St as the spaces in front of the school (where other parents and/or teachers could help me with children, and I could in turn help others) where the breakdown lane is even more narrow and the situation even more perilous.

This is a safety issue for small children. The new signs make it possible for parents to help each other, and make use of the wider shoulder to keep children out of the busy street and safe on their way into and out of school. I am truly grateful for the help they have provided this year, and really hope, for the safety of my children and the others who attend Hills & Falls and their siblings and parents, that the town chooses to keep the new signage. I understand that parking is at a premium in the neighborhood and local businesses are protesting the change, but I really hope that the children's safety will override these complaints.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this letter, and for the assistance you have already provided via the new trial signs.

Sincerely,

Kiera Carlisle

(mother of Kate, 4 years old, and Benjamin, 2 years old)

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To: ddelaney@newtonma.gov
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Date sent: Tue, 25 Oct 2011 09:35:32

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From: Caroline Conlin
To: "Traffic Council Dist List" <trafficcouncil@newtonma.gov>
Subject: **Parking at Hill and Fall**
Date sent: Tue, 25 Oct 2011 08:07:23 -0400

Good morning!

I am writing in light of the terrible parking situation on Concord Street. For the past five years, I have been parking on Concord St. twice daily, to bring my children to and from nursery school. Never has my children's safety been more compromised than this year. I often find myself parking precariously on the opposite side of Concord St., whisking my children out of the car, and praying that we don't get hit as commuters speed around the corner towards Rt. 16 or Hagar St. Once I make it across the street, I can count the cars that are parked on the church / school side of Concord St., that don't have car seats in them, and they are parking there all day.

This situation poses a terrible risk to my children's lives. This is a safety issue that must be addressed. Meters on the Charles River side of Concord St. will help remedy the problem, but those meters will need to be closely monitored, and police detail needs to be assigned to the street to combat the speed at which drivers careen down Concord Street.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Caroline Conlin
Mother of Hadley (5) and Chase (3)

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To: ddelaney@ne-tonma.go
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 Date sent: Fri, 28 Oct 2011 10:00:12

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Mayor Setti D. Warren
 Newton City Hall
 1000 Commonwealth Avenue
 Newton Centre, MA 02459

Dear Mayor Warren:

Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Boston is proud to have its home in the Oak Hill neighborhood. We appreciated the opportunity to meet with school neighbors recently, introducing them at a meeting of our Parents Association, and engaging in a very productive dialogue. We anticipate that this collaborative effort will yield positive results for everyone involved.

We acknowledge that there are concerns among our neighbors regarding parking restrictions on Collela Road and Stein Circle, and appreciate this opportunity to share our perspective.

Schechter supports the enforcement of all existing laws related to traffic and parking, and encourages our families to respect those laws, as well as the safety and privacy of our neighbors.

We recognize the challenge that parking on both sides of Collela Road presents, and support restricting parking to one side during specific periods of the day – perhaps during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up hours.

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We look forward to working with you and to continuing this conversation.

Sincerely,

Arnold Zar-Kessler

Head of School

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Roberta Nicoletta
Assistant to the Head of School
Solomon Schechter Day School
60 Stein Circle
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To: ddelaney ne tonma.go
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Please distribute to Traffic Council.

Thanks,
 Cheryl

Re ent-From: clappin@newtonma.gov
From: "Acct. Rec. @ Diversified Biotech"
ate: October 27, 2011 8:49:05 AM EDT
To: <clappin@newtonma.gov>
Su e t: ollella Road parking i ue

Hello Cheryl,

I am one of the trustees at 655 Saw Mill Brook Parkway Condo Association. I wanted to let you know that we are against any parking restrictions on Collella Road, which borders the back of our building. I understand that there is a request by some home owners on the opposite side of the road to restrict parking during Schechter school drop off and pick-up hours. This would create a problem for our side of Collella Road. Please let the board know that we are against any parking restrictions.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

Janet Grossman

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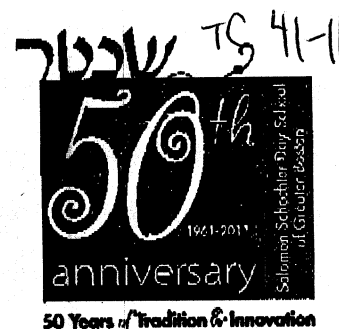
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Newton City Hall
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I live at 21 Parker Street and see activity at this intersection from my windows. Frequently I hear the screech of tires as someone coming down Cypress going too fast fails to stop and look at cars coming down Parker St. toward the Centre. On one occasion I heard a crash and saw a woman lying in the street, having been hit by a car coming rapidly down Cypress St.

It's a very dangerous interesection and I want to encourage you to consider Mr. Carlstrom's request for a STOP sign at that location.

Grateful for your consideration -

Sincerely,
 Virginia Klein

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To: **ddelaney ne tonma.go**
 Subject: **(F d) Sout i k Rd. re ue t for 2- our parking**
 Date sent: **Fri, 21 t 2011 09:55:48**

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 Subject: **Sout i k Rd. re ue t for 2- our parking**
 Date sent: **Fri, 21 t 2011 13:53:17 0000 (T)**

Traffic Council,

As a resident of Southwick Road, I understand Ms. Baverstam's concern regarding our street being used by T patrons for parking. This creates problems for trash trucks, delivery trucks, and snow removal. However, a 2-hour parking limit would impact residents negatively as well and is problematic. What I propose, alternatively, is either a "permit parking" restriction, or a 2-hour restriction between specified morning hours, which would cure the current problem.

Thank you,

Barbara Dunker
 10 Southwick Rd.













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